THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction companies get workers from all States including Orissa to work on their Projects abroad or in India. They deploy workers abroad on their projects as per their requirements. Since the number of such workers is large, it is not possible to conduct enquiries as to how may workers are waiting to go abroad for work.

(c) Under the Emigration Act, 1983 the Government cannot intervene in the selection process or the actual deployment of workers by these Construction Companies. However, the specific complaints of exploitation of workers are investigated as and when received if these are cognisable under law.

Priority to agro-based industries

1723. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give high priority to the agro—based industries during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals under Government's consideration in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) Detailed strategies for development during the Eighth Five Year Plan period have not been decided.

Promotion of Deep Sea-Fishing

1724. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1333 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th August 1988 and state the number of trawlers proposed to be acquired for promotion of deep sea fishing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): During the VII Plan period, it is proposed to increase the number of deep sea fishing vessels from the existing 153 to 500 through indigenous construction, import and charter of foreign fishing vessels.

Commissioning of Godavari Fertiliser Factory at Kakinada in A.P.

1725. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for the delay in the commissioning of Godavari Fertilizer Factory at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Commissioning of the Godavari Fertilizer and Chemicals plant at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh was delayed due to 50 per cent power cut imposed by State Electricity Board and non-availability of locos for haulage of raw materials from Vishakapatnam to Kakinada.

(b) The plant has since been commissioned and is in production.

Fertilizer Plants in the States

1726. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States not having even one fertilizer plant and the reasons for the same; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to set up fertilizer plants in such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN